

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0046477-05-0

Permittee: General Mitchell International Airport, 5300 South Howell Ave, Milwaukee, WI, 53207-6156

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: General Mitchell International Airport, 5300 South Howell Ave

Receiving Water And Location: Milwaukee River Basin (Kinnickinnic River via. Wilson Park Creek), Root River Basin (Oak Creek), and the groundwater in these basins.

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: General Mitchell International Airport is approximately 2,200 acres in size and is served by a county owned storm sewer system consisting of about 25 miles of separate storm sewers and 5 miles of ditch. Sewage generated at the airport is sent to Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District. Runoff from rain and snow melt at the airport during winter may contain propylene glycol and other chemicals used to deice or anti-ice aircraft and runways. Effluent from oil water separators on site is also discharged to the storm sewer. Deicing and anti-icing activities are mandatory requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure adequate safety for airport operations.

Discharges of contaminated runoff from deicing and anti-icing (preventative) activities are seasonal-only and occur during colder months. The deicing season is approximately from October through April. At other times, the runoff from the airport is typical of urban storm water runoff.

Some notable changes to this WPDES permit:

- Increased monitoring frequency of stormwater runoff during the deicing season
- Addition of phosphorus WQBELs for Outfall 003.
- Addition of phosphorus/TSS WLAs for Outfalls 007/001

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Nate Willis, DNR, 101 S. Webster St. PO Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707-7921, (608) 266-3221, Nathaniel.Willis@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jacob Wedesky, 1027 W Saint Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233, (414) 239-1480, jacob.wedesky@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (608) 266-3221 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be reviewed on the internet at the above web link or may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office during office hours. Information on this permit may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.